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8 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
9 FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA
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11 STEVEN E. RILEY,

12 Plaintiff,

13 v.

14 S. KERNAN, et al.,

15 Defendants.
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No. 2:16-cv-0197-EFB P

ORDER

17 Plaintiff is a state prisoner proceeding without counsel in an action brought under 42
18 U.S.C. § 1983.¹ He asserts a claim arising out of events that occurred at Calipatria State Prison in
19 Imperial County, California.


20 The federal venue statute provides that a civil action “may be brought in (1) a judicial
21 district in which any defendant resides, if all defendants are residents of the State in which the
22 district is located, (2) a judicial district in which a substantial part of the events or omissions
23 giving rise to the claim occurred, or a substantial part of property that is the subject of the action
24 is situated, or (3) if there is no district in which an action may otherwise be brought as provided in
25 this action, any judicial district in which any defendant is subject to the court’s personal
26 jurisdiction with respect to such action.” 28 U.S.C. § 1391(b).
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28 ¹ He has filed an application to proceed in forma pauperis pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1915.

1 In this case, most of the defendants are located in and the claim arose in Imperial County.
2 Because Imperial County lies within the venue of the Southern District of California, venue
3 properly lies in that district. For the convenience of the parties and witnesses and in the interests
4 of justice, this case will be transferred to the Southern District of California. *See* 28 U.S.C.
5 § 1391(b); 28 U.S.C. § 84(d).

6 Accordingly, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that this case is transferred to the United States
7 District Court for the Southern District of California. *See* 28 U.S.C. § 1404(a).

8 Dated: February 5, 2016.

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10 EDMUND F. BRENNAN
11 UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE
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